

## **Chepachet Fire District**

### **Executive Committee – Monthly Meeting**

**September 26, 2012**

The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on Wednesday, September 26, 2012. Vice Chairman Robert Lohr called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Members present were George Leonhardt, Eric Croft and Lynda Martone. Also present were Treasurer David Steere, District Clerk/Secretary Darlene Shields, Tax Collector Patricia Svansson, Chief Robert Dauphinais and Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis. Absent was Earl Newman

#### **Secretary's Report:**

All members have received copies of the minutes for August 22nd Monthly Meeting for their review.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 4–0.

#### **Tax Collector's Report:**

Mrs. Svansson advised everyone present that Tax Sale was held on Friday, September 21st and 6 properties were sold and 1 went RI Housing. Total Amount collected at the Tax Sale was \$8,825.99 of which \$5,638.90 was taxes and the rest was fees.

**A few days prior to the Tax Sale we had to pull 7 properties off the Tax Sale List prior to the Sale. Those properties went up for Tax Sale with the Town and the Attorney felt it was best to take them off the Tax Sale List and leave all the fees for them for next year and that whoever bought them at the Town Tax sale tax sale could come back on us if we tried to sell them because we did not give them proper notice because we need to give them 90 days notice.**

**Mr. Steere asked if they are redeemed or sold are our fees recorded with the Town. Mrs. Svansson stated that the fees will remain on the accounts. We can put them up for sale next year. Mrs. Martone asked if they are redeemed with the Town how do we get reimbursed. Mrs. Svansson didn't know but our fees will remain on the accounts until they are paid.**

**Overall Mrs. Svansson said it was a good experience with the new Attorney Glenn Carlson and the auctioneer. We did have a houseful of people and the meeting ran smoothly. Tax Assessing in done and Mrs. Svansson is looking to have the tax rate set at the October Meeting.**

**Motion made by Mr. Leonhardt to accept the Annual Tax Collector's Report, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 4-0.**

#### **Treasurer Report:**

**Mr. Steere presented the Treasurer's Report for September 2012. We**

are 25% thru the year and expenses are at 21%. And we are well within our budget. Most of the account is under 25%. Last page cash on hand \$738,000 of that amount \$493,000 is in dedicated accounts. We had another good month for 3rd Party Collections in the amount of \$28,000. \$207,000 is dedicated for the Truck Fund.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the Treasurer's Reports as presented and to pay the monthly bills, second by Mr. Croft and Passed 4-0.

#### **Chief's Report:**

Chief Dauphinais read and submitted the August 2012 Monthly Chief's Report and Annual Chiefs Report to be placed on file.

Motion made by Mr. Lohr to accept the Chief's Monthly Reports for August 2012 and Annual Chief Reports and place the copies on file, second by Mr. Croft and passed 4-0.

Committee: Fire Truck Committee: Truck is in the design stage and Chief provided some pictures of the status of the cab of the truck. The company indicated they are ahead of schedule by about 2 weeks.

Mr. Steere questions on terms of payment and if they are looking for a check the day of delivery and was looking to see when the District would close on the loan.

**Mrs. Shields has been in contact with Navigant and was advised of three options. They could cut us a check and we would deposit. They could have a check made out to the company and we would have our check for the difference. Navigant can also wire the funds to the company.**

## **New Business:**

### **1. Annual Scholarship Steak Fry on Sept. 29**

**a. Chief reminded everyone of the Streak Fry and if anyone needs tickets to see him.**

### **2. Flu Clinic**

**a. October 15th the Department will be hosting a Flu Clinic.**

### **3. Bailey Insurance**

**a. Chief Dauphinais mentioned he has been contacted by Bailey Insurance and they would like to give us a quote of insurance. Chief did ask them for a list of references as they stated they insured other Fire Departments. After reviewing the list there were no Fire**

Department on the list. Chief did questions the initial call and that it seemed a little concerning. They called stating they were waiting for a copy of our current insurance policies. The Chief made it clear that we were not going to provide them with our policies but if they wanted to submit a quote of him to review that would be fine.

#### **4. Meeting between the 3 Fire Chiefs and Board Members:**

a. Chief Dauphinais updated everyone present that the 3 Chiefs did meet to discuss some concerns regarding staffing and response time to call. No decision was made but discussion on overall issues and staffing. There is some concern with Harmony and Chepachet staffing the trucks especially on the night calls. Harmony has made it mandatory that their members sign up for night shifts and Chief Dauphinais heard that some of the members have left. Chief Dauphinais is not looking to do that in Chepachet. The Chiefs plan on meeting again to discuss this further. Also any calls that the dispatcher deems serious automatically mutual is also dispatched now which is a good thing.

5. Mr. Croft wanted to discuss the Properties that were pulled from the Tax Sale. Mr. Croft wanted to know if the property got sold would the Chepachet Fire District be reimbursed. Mrs. Shields stated if the property gets sold then the Attorney handling the closing should call to see if there are any outstanding taxes due on the property. Mr. Eric questioned how we would be reimbursed for the fees that have been paid to date. Mrs. Shields reiterated what Mrs. Svansson had stated

in her Tax Collector's Reports that the fees will remain on the bill/accounts until they are sold or be put up Tax Sale at the next tax sale when all interested parties are properly notified per the law. Mr. Croft did question if we had to file with the Town. Mrs. Shields stated that if they did not go up for tax sale she didn't think that we can put a lien on the property if it didn't go up for tax sale, but that would be a question for Mrs. Svansson. Mr. Croft asked how much in fees has the district paid for those properties. Mrs. Shields said to the best of her knowledge it was around \$318.00 per property. Mrs. Shields also mentioned that the Attorney who handled the Town's Tax Sale is the same Attorney that handled our Tax Sale and he advised to have the properties pulled. Mrs. Shields also stated those fees will remain on the accounts until paid or sold. Mr. Lohr asked if Mrs. Shields please discuss these concerns with Mrs. Svansson for next month's meeting.

Next scheduled meeting is the Monthly Board Meeting is October 17th at 6:30pm

With no further business at this time, motion made by Mrs. Martone to adjourn, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

Respectfully submitted,~~~~~

Darlene L Shields

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**District Clerk / Chepachet Fire District**